

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-215

Magi No. 2402155704

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bethard Cottage Bethards House

and/or common Davis Insurance (~~preferred~~)

## 2. Location

street & number 416 South Main Street    not for publicationcity, town Berlin    vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  X</u> building(s)	<u>  X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  X</u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Bayard Davis, Sr.

street &amp; number 414 South Main Street telephone no.: 641-0224

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Situated on the west side of Berlin's South Main Street near the end of the residential area, the Bethard Cottage, currently serving as an office for an insurance agency, sits close to the street with a small front yard like many of its neighbors to the north and across the street. It was built c.1915 according to the owners.

The 1½ story frame bungalow with a large centered shed-roofed dormer is 3 bay by 3 bay, the entrance being located in the center bay. Two interior chimneys rise, one in the front slope of the roof on the south end, the other asymmetrically placed on the north rear slope of the gable roof. The raised foundation is brick with headers of a swirled yellow and red color creating a decorative effect. Windows throughout the house are 1/1.

A verandah extends across the front or east facade under the large gable roof. Brick columns with the previously mentioned decorative effect extend from the heavily articulated, boxed cornice to the ground. Brick steps rise in the center bay to the verandah. The off-center door is flanked by triple 1/1 windows in the 1st and 3rd bays.

The gable ends of the house have double 1/1 windows on the second floor with a one-story gable-roofed projection on the north facade forming a bay with three windows. The foundation of this projection contains a single sash basement window. Another occurs in the center of the rear facade foundation. A shed-roofed porch addition with a vertical wood siding enclosure projects to the rear.

Although the interior has had some changes in wall arrangement, most of the original interior doors, trim, mantel, floors, columns, etc. are intact and in excellent condition.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1914–15

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This early bungalow, typical of Berlin's houses in its positioning on the street, remains in a substantially unaltered state except for its asbestos siding. It is impressive in its substantial character and workmanship.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Page S. Hammond
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organization	Berlin Historic District Comm.	date	August, 1985
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street & number	313 S. Main Street	telephone	641-0773
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city or town	Berlin	state	MD
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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